GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Standard of Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open additional educational institutions in educationally backward areas for raising the standard of education;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to open new Central school and Engineering college in Samastipur district of Bihar; and
(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) : The Government is implementing Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for incentivising reforms in the state higher education sector. RUSA envisages the reformation of higher education system through the aims of access, equity and excellence by focussing on the unserved and underserved areas in terms of higher education. The central share under RUSA can be availed of by States under various components such as clustering of colleges into universities, creation of universities by upgrading autonomous colleges, infrastructure grants to universities and colleges, establishment of Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) in Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs), upgradation of existing colleges to MDCs, establishment of new professional colleges, research, innovation and quality improvement, equity initiatives, support to polytechnics, vocationalisation of higher education, faculty improvement, faculty recruitment support etc. States can avail the central share against projects included in their State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) and approved by Project Approval Board of RUSA.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms provide for opening of new primary and upper primary schools within the limits of the neighbourhood as laid down by the State Government under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009. All new schools opened under SSA are provided requisite school infrastructure, teachers and teaching learning equipment as mandated under the schedule to the RTE Act.

Under SSA the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), which are upper primary level residential schools for girls belonging predominantly to the SC,ST,OBC and minority communities, have been set up in all Educationally Backward blocks of the country. As on date 3609 KGBVs have been sanctioned.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme envisages providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation with special focus on SC/ST/Minority/hilly and difficult areas. At present, 11599 new schools have been sanctioned under the scheme, out of which 9415 schools are in the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs).
(c) : The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the PAB of RUSA have not approved any proposal for setting up of a Central School & Engineering College, respectively, in Samastipur District of Bihar.
(d) : In view of above does not arise.
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